GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONCESSIONS IN RAIL FARES TO DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedure laid down to avail the facility of 10% concessions in rail fare requires the doctors to submit every time a copy of their MBBS degree, registration certificate and an undertaking for carrying with them a bag of medical equipment/medicines and a threat of penal action for non-compliance;

(b) whether the Government before introducing the said procedure obtained and considered the views of the medical fraternity;

(c) if so, whether the Government considers it feasible and practicable that more and more doctors would volunteer themselves for treating on board passengers free of charge despite complexity of procedure laid down by the Government; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to ease and simplifying the procedure ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) In order to ensure that only genuine Doctors get concession, they are required to submit photo copy of MBBS degree and registration certificate for availing concession. Since this concession has been granted with a view that the Doctors will render medical assistance to needy passengers during journey, they are required to carry certain essential medicines/equipment during journey. No threat of penal action has been given but if the Doctor, traveling on concession, refuses to render medical assistance, the matter will be brought to the notice of Indian Medical Association.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The procedure to obtain concession is not considered complex.

(d): Does not arise.